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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - THAILAND, INDONESIA,
MALAYSIA, BURMA, SINGAPORE

1. FMS CREDIT TERMS AND PL-480 (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE NSC IS CONVENING A MEETING OF CONCERNED AGENCIES
THURSDAY TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS ON FMS
CREDIT TERMS AND PL-480 ALLOCATIONS FOR INDONESIA.
BEARING IN MIND THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL
DEADLINE OF AUGUST 15 FOR A DECISION ON WHICH FIGHTER
AIRCRAFT TO PROCURE (THE QUESTION OF FMS CREDIT TERMS
BEING A MAJOR FACTOR IN WHETHER THE F-5 WILL BE SELECTED),
WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE MEETING WILL PRODUCE A GENERAL
POLICY DECISION ON INDONESIA. EMBASSY JAKARTA POINTS OUT
THAT THESE TWO ISSUES, WILL BE KEY FACTORS IN SETTING THE
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TONE OF OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH INDONESIA.

2. POSSIBLE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON INDONESIAN
POLITICAL PRISONERS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

JOHN SALZBERG OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STAFF INFORMED US
TODAY THAT, WHILE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED,

IT IS LIKELY THAT FRASER WILL INVITE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

TO TESTIFY ON THE POLITICAL PRISONER SITUATION IN
INDONESIA SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. HOPEFULLY BY THAT TIME
THE INDONESIANS WILL HAVE ANNOUNCED FIRM PLANS FOR THE
1977 CONTINGENT OF THEIR THREE YEAR RELEASE PLAN (THERE
IS SOME INDICATION THAT SUHARTO MAY ANNOUNCE THIS IN
HIS ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH IN MID-AUGUST) AND
POSSIBLY MAY EVEN HAVE BEGUN IMPLEMENTING IT. IF SO,
THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF SUCH HEARINGS MAY BE MINIMIZED,
OR FRASER MAY EVEN PERHAPS BE INDUCED NOT TO HOLD THEM.

3. AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S TRAVELS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AMBASSADOR NEWSOM ARRIVES IN CALIFORNIA TOMORROW. HE
PLANS TO REMAIN ON THE WEST COAST FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS
BEFORE PROCEEDING EASTWARD. HE WILL BE ADDRESSING THE
LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN
RELATIONS ON AUGUST 11 ON THE TOPIC "U.S.-INDONESIAN
RELATIONS".

4. THAILAND AND BURMA NARCOTICS EFFORTS PRAISED
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE PRESIDENT'S AUGUST 2 MESSAGE AND STATEMENT ON
DRUG ABUSE CONTAINS FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO COOPERATION
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FROM THAILAND AND BURMA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE
RECENT LARGE NARCOTICS SEIZURE IN THAILAND WAS
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY THE PRESIDENT IN CONVERSATIONS
WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS ALONG WITH VERY FAVORABLE
COMMENTS ON THAI EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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